

Senate Resolution 109 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

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1 A Resolution urging the President of the United States
2 to consider measures to ensure America's long-term
3 energy affordability, security, and leadership
4 and progress, including the continued operation
5 of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the
6 construction of new pipelines, and an end to
7 restrictions on developing our nation's onshore and
8 offshore oil and natural gas resources.

9 WHEREAS, renewable fuels, including ethanol and
10 biodiesel, as well as oil and natural gas, are vital
11 components of our nation's economy, providing more
12 than 11 million jobs nationwide, including 97,100
13 jobs and \$9.8 billion in gross domestic income in Iowa
14 alone; and

15 WHEREAS, critical fuels have hit their highest
16 prices in United States history, including over \$100
17 per barrel of oil and average national gasoline prices
18 in excess of \$4.40 per gallon, an increase of 58.7
19 percent from March 2021 according to the federal Energy
20 Information Administration with an estimated direct
21 financial impact to families incurring additional
22 fuel-related costs of \$2,000 this year; and

23 WHEREAS, United States energy independence has
24 provided security that has historically led to
25 reliable, affordable energy for American consumers and
26 our allies; and

27 WHEREAS, the world is looking to the United States
28 for energy leadership and stability as current

1 geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions
2 and inflation already negatively impacts families,
3 households, and supply chain expenses, and increases
4 agricultural costs both in the United States and around
5 the world; and

6 WHEREAS, operation and expansion of energy
7 infrastructure is a key component of America's energy
8 success, including ethanol, biodiesel, oil, and
9 natural gas infrastructure and transportation, which
10 provide the most efficient means of supplying those
11 commodities, and is being blocked by the federal
12 government and many state governments; and

13 WHEREAS, the Biden administration continues to
14 increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and
15 natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite
16 the fact that these programs provide billions in
17 revenue to federal, state, and local governments and
18 help families, workers, and small businesses receive
19 affordable energy; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States' offshore energy
21 production is one of the lowest carbon intensive
22 energy-producing regions in the world, and halting
23 offshore leasing and development will shift production
24 and capital investment overseas and undermine decades
25 of environmental progress; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges
27 the President of the United States to take measures and
28 support policies to ensure long-term American energy
29 leadership, security, and progress, including those
30 that result in the continued operation of existing

1 oil and natural gas infrastructure, the construction
2 of new oil and gas infrastructure, the resumption of
3 consistent, credible federal lease sales, and the
4 immediate preparation of a new five-year program to
5 guide future offshore leasing; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
7 Senate shall send copies of this resolution to the
8 President of the United States, the United States
9 Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary
10 of Transportation, the Chairman of the Federal Energy
11 Regulatory Commission, and the members of Iowa's
12 congressional delegation.